

CITY OF MUSKEGON
City Commission Worksession
August 7, 2006

MINUTES

The City Commission Worksession was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Warmington.

Present: Mayor Stephen Warmington, Vice Mayor Stephen Gawron, Commissioner Chris Carter, Kevin Davis, Lawrence Spataro, and Clara Shepherd.

Absent: Commissioner Sue Wierengo

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1. National League of Cities.

City Manager Bryon Mazade explained that the Commission is invited to participate in the National League of Cities 2006 City Showcase. Commissioner Shepherd will be attending the conference.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Spataro to participate in the National League of Cities 2006 City Showcase by doing a presentation on the Before and After School Bash.

VOTE: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

2. Former Lakos Property – Holiday Inn.

City Manager Bryon Mazade explained the item and the Commission commented. This will be voted on at the August 8th Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Shepherd was excused at 5:58 p.m.

3. Dog Beach.

Public Works Director Bob Kuhn gave an overview and passed out an informational survey.

4. City Clerk Recruitment.

City Manager Bryon Mazade gave an explanation and comments were made by the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, second by Vice Mayor Gawron to direct the City Manager to conduct search for a new City Clerk after reviewing classification and pay scale and have the top three candidates presented to the Commission for their review.

VOTE: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Civil Service Charter Amendment.

City Manager Bryon Mazade stated that this will be on the November ballot. Discussion was held on how to get the information out to the voters.

6. Local Preferences for Fire Station.

City Manager Bryon Mazade gave an overview.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, second by Vice Mayor Gawron to direct the City Manager to solicit bids for the fire station without the local preference as allowed by policy.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Spataro, Warmington, Carter, and Gawron
 Nays: Davis

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7. City Attorney Contract.
 City Manager Bryon Mazade explained the item. Staff was directed to negotiate the contract and to check into turning some of the criminal matters over to the Prosecutor.

8. Request to Remove the Christmas Tree in Hackley Park.
 Assistant City Manager Lee Slaughter gave an overview. It was stated that there is supposed to be a removable tree in the park.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, second by Commissioner Carter to remove the tree in Hackley Park and authorize Leisure Services to bring in a tree.

VOTE: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

9. Any Other Business.
 MERS annual meeting is in September and we can send a representative.
 Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, second by Commissioner Davis to appoint Tim Paul as the City's representative to MERS annual meeting.

VOTE: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Request to waive the \$400 late fee for the special permit for Unity Fest.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, second by Commissioner Carter to waive the fee, but if late next year it will not be waived.

VOTE: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Discussion held on the Western Avenue project.

Motion by Commissioner Davis, second by Commissioner Carter to forego the Sherman and Henry project and go ahead with Western Avenue.

VOTE: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Discussion was held on water rates.

It was decided that Commission would participate in the Summer Spectacular parade.

Discussion was held reference the Boilerworks. It is the consensus of the Commission to support the original PUD.

10. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Potter, Acting City Clerk